

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR DELAWARE

ASTRAZENECA PHARMACEUTICALS
LP,

and

ASTRAZENECA UK LIMITED,

and

IPR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,

and

SHIONOGI SEIYAKU KABUSHIKI
KAISHA,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SANDOZ INC.,

Defendant.

Civil Action No.: _____

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiffs, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, AstraZeneca UK Limited, IPR
Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Shionogi Seiyaku Kabushiki Kaisha, for their Complaint against
Sandoz Inc., hereby state as follows:

Nature of the Action

1. This is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the
United States, 35 U.S.C. § 100 et seq., and in particular under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271(e) and (a). This
action relates to an Abbreviated New Drug Application (“ANDA”) filed by Sandoz Inc. (“the
Sandoz ANDA”) with the United States Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) for approval to

market generic versions of Plaintiffs' highly successful Crestor[®] pharmaceutical products that are sold in the United States.

Parties

2. Plaintiff AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP ("AstraZeneca") is a corporation operating and existing under the laws of Delaware with its principal place of business at 1800 Concord Pike, Wilmington, Delaware 19803 USA.

3. Plaintiff AstraZeneca UK Limited is a corporation operating and existing under the laws of the United Kingdom with its principal place of business at 15 Stanhope Gate, London W1K 1LN, England.

4. Plaintiff IPR Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("IPR") is a corporation operating and existing under the laws of Puerto Rico with its principal place of business at Carr 188 Lote 17, San Isidro Industrial Park, Canovanas, Puerto Rico 00729.

5. Plaintiff Shionogi Seiyaku Kabushiki Kaisha is a corporation operating and existing under the laws of Japan with its principal place of business at 1-8, Doshomachi 3-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka 541-0045 Japan.

6. Defendant Sandoz Inc. ("Sandoz") represented in its letter notifying Plaintiffs of the Sandoz ANDA and the certifications made to the FDA regarding Plaintiffs' patents that it is a corporation operating and existing under the laws of Delaware with its principal place of business at 506 Carnegie Center, Suite 400, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 USA.

Background

7. IPR is the holder of approved New Drug Application (“NDA”) No. 021366 for Crestor[®] Tablets, in 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg, and 40 mg dosage forms, containing rosuvastatin calcium. AstraZeneca is IPR’s authorized agent for matters related to NDA No. 021366.

8. CRESTOR[®] (rosuvastatin calcium) is a prescription drug belonging to a group of medicines (called statins) that are used to treat high cholesterol. Crestor[®] is one of the most effective lipid-lowering statins available. Over 11 million patients have been prescribed Crestor[®], and over 110 million prescriptions have been written worldwide for Crestor[®].

9. Plaintiffs, among other things, manufacture, market, promote, educate the public and physicians about, and conduct research and development on existing and new indications for Crestor[®] Tablets. Plaintiffs financially benefit from sales of Crestor[®] Tablets in the United States.

10. On information and belief, Sandoz filed with the FDA, in Rockville, Maryland, ANDA No. 79-171 under 21 U.S.C. § 355(j) to obtain FDA approval for the commercial manufacture, use, importation, offer for sale, and sale in the United States of rosuvastatin calcium tablets in 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg, and 40 mg dosage strengths, which are generic versions of Plaintiffs’ Crestor[®] Tablets in 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg, and 40 mg dosage strengths, respectively.

11. By letter dated November 8, 2007, Sandoz notified Plaintiffs that it had filed an ANDA seeking FDA approval to market rosuvastatin calcium tablets in 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg, and 40 mg dosage strengths (hereinafter referred to as “the Sandoz Rosuvastatin Calcium Tablets”),

and that it was providing information to Plaintiffs pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(B)(i), (ii), (iii), and (iv).

12. On information and belief, Sandoz is in the business of developing and manufacturing generic pharmaceutical products. On information and belief, Sandoz markets, distributes, and sells generic pharmaceutical products throughout the United States, including the State of Delaware.

Jurisdiction and Venue

13. Subject matter jurisdiction is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a), 2201, and 2202.

14. Personal jurisdiction over Sandoz is proper because Sandoz is incorporated in Delaware and has purposely availed itself of the privilege of doing business in this State. Further, Sandoz maintains continuous and systematic contacts with the State of Delaware so as to reasonably allow jurisdiction to be exercised over it.

15. Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and 1400(b).

Count I

Infringement of United States Patent No. RE37,314 Under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2)

16. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1-15 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

17. United States Patent No. RE37,314 (“the ‘314 patent”), entitled “Pyrimidine Derivatives,” was duly and legally reissued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on

August 7, 2001. Plaintiffs hold all substantial rights in the '314 patent and have the right to sue for infringement thereof. A true and correct copy of the '314 patent is attached as Exhibit A.

18. On information and belief, Sandoz filed ANDA No. 79-171 in order to obtain approval to market the Sandoz Rosuvastatin Calcium Tablets in the United States before the expiration of the '314 patent. On information and belief, Sandoz also filed with the FDA, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) and 21 C.F.R. § 314.94(a)(12)(i)(A)(4), a certification alleging that the claims of the '314 patent are invalid and that the '314 patent is unenforceable.

19. On information and belief, Sandoz does not assert that Sandoz Rosuvastatin Calcium Tablets are not covered by one or more claims of the '314 patent.

20. Under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2)(A), the submission by Sandoz to the FDA of ANDA No. 79-171 to obtain approval for the commercial manufacture, use, or sale of the Sandoz Rosuvastatin Calcium Tablets before the expiration date of the '314 patent constitutes infringement of one or more claims of the '314 patent, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

21. Plaintiffs will be substantially and irreparably harmed by the infringing activities described above unless those activities are precluded by this Court. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law.

Count II

Declaratory Judgment of Infringement of United States Patent No. RE37,314
Under 35 U.S.C. § 271(a)

22. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1-21 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

23. Upon information and belief, Sandoz has made substantial preparations to sell Sandoz Rosuvastatin Calcium Tablets labeled for the same dosages as the Crestor[®] products.

24. Upon information and belief, Sandoz intends to commence sale of Sandoz Rosuvastatin Calcium Tablets immediately upon receiving approval from the FDA.

25. The manufacture, importation, sale, and offer for sale of Sandoz Rosuvastatin Calcium Tablets, once approved by the FDA, will directly infringe, induce and/or contribute to the infringement of one or more claims of the '314 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

26. Plaintiffs will be substantially and irreparably harmed by the infringing activities described above unless those activities are enjoined by this Court. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law.

27. An actual controversy exists relating to Cobalt's threatened infringement of the '314 patent.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court enter judgment in its favor as follows:

- (1) holding that the claims of the '314 patent are valid and enforceable;

(2) holding that the submission of ANDA No. 79-171 by Sandoz infringes one or more claims of the '314 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2);

(3) declaring that the manufacture, use, offering for sale, or sale of the Sandoz Rosuvastatin Calcium Tablets within the United States or importing the Sandoz Rosuvastatin Calcium Tablets into the United States before expiration of the '314 patent will infringe one or more claims of the '314 patent;

(4) ordering, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(4)(A), that the effective date of any FDA approval of the Sandoz Rosuvastatin Calcium Tablets shall be no earlier than the expiration date of the '314 patent;

(5) enjoining Sandoz, and all persons acting in concert with Sandoz, from commercially manufacturing, using, offering for sale, or selling the Sandoz Rosuvastatin Calcium Tablets within the United States or importing into the United States the Sandoz Rosuvastatin Calcium Tablets, prior to the expiration of the '314 patent;

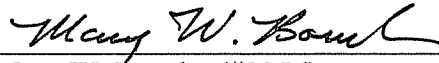
(6) declaring this to be an exceptional case and awarding Plaintiffs their attorney fees under 35 U.S.C. § 285;

(7) awarding Plaintiffs their costs and expenses in this action; and

(8) awarding Plaintiffs any further and additional relief as this Court deems just and proper.

This 11th day of December 2007.

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EXHIBIT A

(19) **United States**
(12) **Reissued Patent**
Hirai et al.

(10) **Patent Number: US RE37,314 E**
(45) **Date of Reissued Patent: Aug. 7, 2001**

(54) **PYRIMIDINE DERIVATIVES** 4,925,852 5/1990 Kessler et al. 514/256
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Reissue of:

(64) Patent No.: **5,260,440**
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

(52) **U.S. Cl.** **514/316**; 544/318; 544/322

The compounds of the present invention inhibit the HMG-CoA reductase, and subsequently suppress the biosynthesis of cholesterol. And they are useful in the treatment of hypercholesterolemia, hyperlipoproteinemia, and atherosclerosis.

(58) **Field of Search** 514/756; 544/297

(56) **References Cited**

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3 Claims, No Drawings

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PYRIMIDINE DERIVATIVES

Matter enclosed in heavy brackets [] appears in the original patent but forms no part of this reissue specification; matter printed in italics indicates the additions made by reissue.

This application is a reissue of U.S. Pat. No. 5,260,440, issued Nov. 8, 1993.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl coenzyme A (HMG-CoA) reductase inhibitor.

2. Prior Art

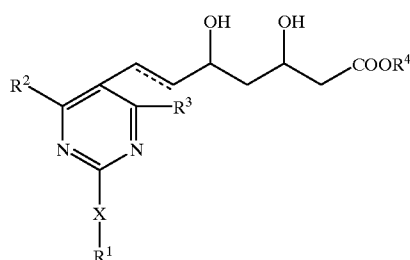
As the first generation of drugs for the treatment of atherosclerosis by inhibiting the activity of HMG-CoA reductase, there are known Mevinolin (U.S. Pat. No. 4,231, 938), pravastatin sodium (U.S. Pat. No. 4,346,227), and simvastatin (U.S. Pat. No. 4,444,784), which are fungal metabolites or of the chemical modifications. Recently, synthetic inhibitors of HMG-CoA reductase such as fluvastatin (F. G. Kathawala et al., 8th Int'l Symp. on Atherosclerosis, Abstract Papers, p. 445, Rome (1988)) and BMY 22089 (GB Pat. No. 2,202,846) are developed as the second generation drugs.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The compounds of the present invention inhibit the HMG-CoA reductase, which plays a main role in the synthesis of cholesterol, and subsequently they suppress the biosynthesis of cholesterol. Therefore, they are useful in the treatment of hypercholesterolemia, hyperlipoproteinemia, and atherosclerosis.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The present invention relates to compounds of the formula (I):



wherein R¹ is lower alkyl, aryl or aralkyl, each of which may have one or more substituents; R² and R³ each is independently hydrogen, lower alkyl, or aryl, and each of said lower alkyl and aryl may have one or more substituents; R⁴ is hydrogen, lower alkyl, or a cation capable of forming a non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable salt; X is sulfur, oxygen, or sulfonyl, or imino which may have a substituent; the dotted line represents the presence or absence of a double bond, or the corresponding ring-closed lactone. This invention also provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising the same.

In the specification, the term "lower alkyl" refers to a straight, branched, or cyclic C₁ to C₆ alkyl, including methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, cyclopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, cyclobutyl, n-pentyl, isopentyl, neopentyl, tert-pentyl, cyclopentyl, n-hexyl, and

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isohexyl and the like. Further, the lower alkyl may be substituted by 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, amino, and cyano. Halogen means fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine.

The term "aryl" refers to C₆ to C₁₂ aromatic group including phenyl, tolyl, xylyl, biphenyl, naphthyl, and the like. The aryl may have 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, halogen, amino, and cyano. Preferred aryl is phenyl substituted by 1 to 3 halogens.

The term "aralkyl" refers to C₁ to C₆ lower alkyl substituted by C₆ to C₁₂ aromatic aryl group defined above. Examples of them are benzyl, phenethyl, phenylpropyl and the like, each of which may have 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl halogen, amino, cyano, and the like.

The term "a cation capable of forming a non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable salt" refers to alkali metal ion, alkaline earth metal ion, and ammonium ion. Examples of alkali metal are lithium, sodium, potassium, and cesium, and examples of alkaline earth metal are beryllium, magnesium, and calcium. Especially, sodium and calcium are preferred.

Examples of "acyl" are formyl acetyl, propionyl, butyryl, isobutyryl, valeryl, and isovaleryl.

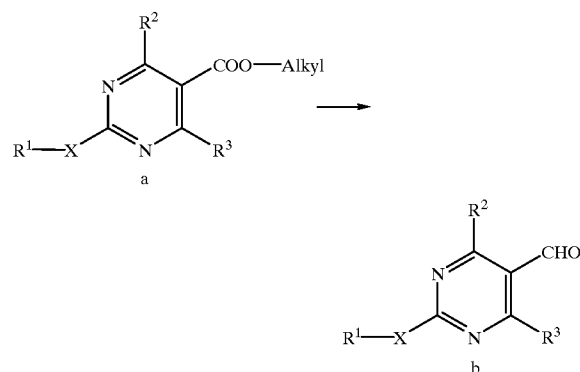
In the term "imino which may have a substituent", preferred substituents are acyl, optionally substituted amino, and substituted sulfonyl.

The term "substituted amino as substituent" means amino group substituted by sulfonyl and alkylsulfonyl. Examples of them are sulfonyl amino and methanesulfonyl amino.

The term "substituted sulfonyl as substituent" means sulfonyl group substituted by alkyl, amino, or alkylamino. Examples of them are methanesulfonyl, sulfamoyl, methylsulfamoyl, and N-methylsulfamoyl.

The compounds of the present invention can be prepared by the following method.

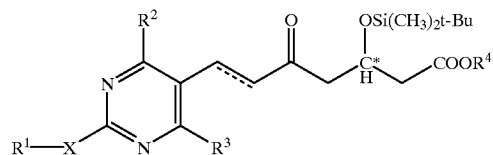
(1) The carboxylate group of the compound a is converted into the alcohol group by the reduction in an appropriate inactive solvent such as THF, ether, and toluene in the presence of the reductant such as LiAlH and DIBAL-H. The reaction is performed at -70° to 50° C., preferably at near room temperature, for 10 minutes to 10 hours, preferably for 30 minutes to 3 hours. Then the obtained alcohol is subjected to oxidation in an appropriate solvent such as methylene chloride in the presence of the oxidizing agent such as TPAP/4-methylmorpholin-N-oxide or pyridium chlorochromate to give aldehyde compound b. The reaction is performed at 0°-60° C., preferably at near room temperature, for 10 minutes to 10 hours, preferably 30 minutes to 3 hours.



wherein R¹, R², and R³ each has the same meaning as defined above, and Alkyl means lower alkyl.

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(2) The obtained compound b is subjected to reaction with (3R)-or (3S)-3-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy-5-oxo-6-triphenylphosphoranylidene hexanoic acid derivatives in an appropriate solvent such as acetonitrile, diethylether, tetrahydrofuran, and dimethylformamide to give the compound c. The reaction is performed for 1–30 hours, preferably for 10–15 hours under heating.



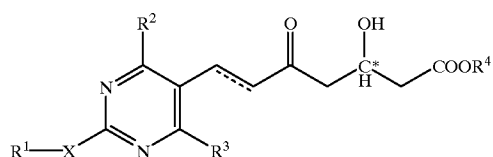
wherein C* means asymmetric carbon atom, the dotted line means the presence or absence of the double bond, R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ each has the same meaning as defined above.

(3) The compound c is subjected to elimination of the tertbutyldimethylsilyl group in an appropriate organic solvent in the presence of hydrogen halogenide to give the compound d.

Every sort of halogen can be used for hydrogen halogenide. Amongst all, hydrogen fluoride is preferred.

The same organic solvents as used in the step (2) may be employed. Acetonitrile is especially preferred.

The reaction is performed in a range of from 0° to 60° C., preferably at room temperature, for 0.5–10 hours, preferably for 1–2 hours.



wherein C*, the dotted line, R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ each has the same meaning as defined above.

(4) The compound d is reacted with diethylmethoxyborane and NaBH₄ in an alcohol-organic solvent mixture and subjected to column chromatography of silica gel to give the compound (I) (in case R⁴ is lower alkyl). The reaction is performed at a temperature between –100° to 20° C., preferably between –85° to –70° C. under cooling, for 10 minutes to 5 hours, preferably for 30 minutes to 2 hours.

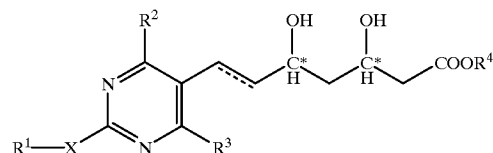
Here, the alcohol includes methanol, ethanol, propanol, and butanol; and the organic solvent includes the same as in the step (3).

Further, if necessary, the obtained compound may be subjected to saponification with the solution of metallic hydroxide (R⁴: cation), and after the saponification, the reaction mixture is neutralized with an acid and extracted with an organic solvent (R⁴: hydrogen). The saponification is performed in a popular solvent such as water, acetonitrile, dioxane, acetone, and the mixture thereof, preferably in the presence of a base, by a conventional method. The reaction is performed at 0° to 50° C., preferably at near room temperature.

As metallic hydroxide which may be used are sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, and their analogue.

Acids which may be used include inorganic acids such as hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid and the like.

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(I)

wherein C*, the dotted line, R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ each has the same meaning as defined above.

Further, if necessary, the obtained compounds (I) are subjected to reflux under heating to give the corresponding lactones.

The compound of the present invention can be administered orally or parenterally. For example, the compound of the present invention may be orally administered in the form of tablets, powders, capsules and granules, aqueous or oily suspension, or liquid form such as syrup or elixir, and parenterally in the form of aqueous or oily suspension.

These preparations can be prepared in a conventional manner by using excipients, binders, lubricants, aqueous or oily solubilizers, emulsifier, suspending agents, and the like. And preservatives and stabilizers can be further used.

The dosages may vary with the administration route, age, weight, condition, and the kind of disease of the patients, but are usually 0.5–200 mg/day, preferably 1–100 mg/day through oral route, and 0.1–100 mg/day, preferably 0.5–50 mg/day through parenteral route. They may be used in a single or divided doses.

The present invention is illustrated by the following examples and reference examples, which are not to be considered as limiting.

The abbreviations used in examples and reference examples have the following meanings.

Me: methyl,

Et: ethyl,

i-Pr: isopropyl

t-Bu: tert-butyl,

Ph: phenyl,

DMF: dimethylformamide,

THF: tetrahydrofuran

DDQ: 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone

TPAP: tetrapropylammonium perruthenate

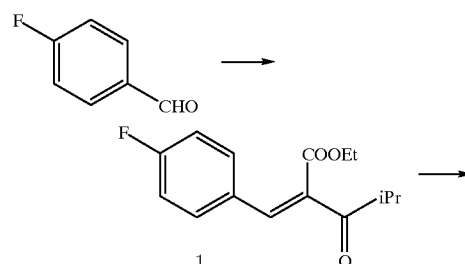
HMPA: hexamethylphosphoramide

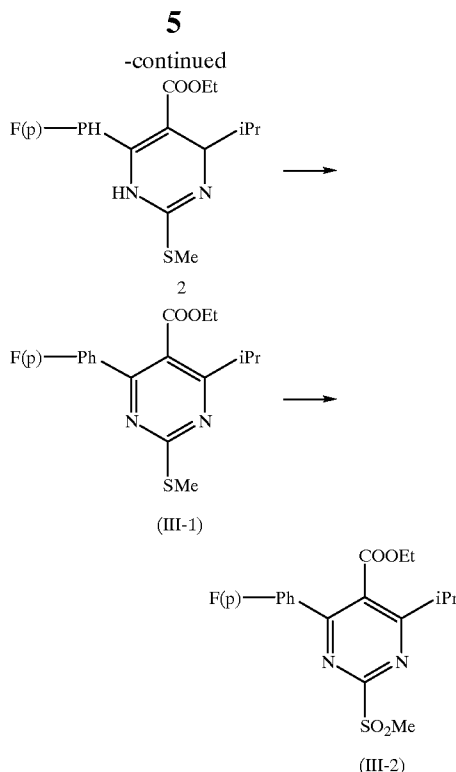
DIBAL-H: diisobutylaluminum hydride.

REFERENCE EXAMPLE 1

Ethyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-methylthiopyrimidine-5-carboxylate (III-1) and

Ethyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-methylsulfonylpyrimidine-5-carboxylate (III-2)





p-Fluorobenzaldehyde 81.81 g is reacted in the same manner as disclosed in the specification of JP Unexamined Pat. Publn. No. 61-40272 to give 151.0 g (Yield: 86.7%) of the compound 1. Then the mixture of a solution of 44.68 g of the compound 1 in 65 ml of HMPA and 28.24 g of s-methylisourea hydrogen sulfate is stirred at 100° C. for 22 hours. Then the reaction mixture is extracted with ether, and washed with saturated sodium hydrogencarbonate and water in order. The organic layer is dried, and the solvent is distilled away. The obtained residue is subjected to column chromatography of silica gel to give 26.61 g (yield: 46.8%) of the compound 2.

To a solution of the obtained compound 2 in 400 ml of benzene is added 21.64 g (0.095 mmol) of DDQ, and the mixture is stirred for 30 minutes. Then the mixture is subjected to column chromatography of silica gel to give 24.31 g (Yield: 91.9%) of the compound (III-1).

NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.10 (t, J=7,3H); 1.31 (d, J=7,6 Hz); 2.61 (s, 3H); 3.18 (hept, J=7,1H); 4.18 (q, J=7,2H); 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.65 (m, 2H).

To a solution of 13.28 g (0.04 mmol) of the compound (III-1) in chloroform is added 17.98 g of m-chloroperbenzoic acid, and the reaction mixture is stirred at room temperature. Then it is washed with sodium sulfate and saturated sodium hydrogencarbonate in order. The solution is dried, and the solvent is distilled away and washed with n-hexane to give 13.93 g (Yield 95.7%) of the compound (III-2).

NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.16 (t, J=7,3H); 1.37 (d, J=7,6H); 3.26 (hept, J=7,1H); 3.42 (s, 3H); 4.28 (q, 2H); 7.18 (m, 2H); 7.76 (m, 2H).

REFERENCE EXAMPLE 2

Another synthetic method of the compound (III-1)

To a solution of 200 mg (0.594 mmol) of the compound 2 in 5 ml of dichloromethane are added 0.5 g (6.10

equivalent) of potassium carbonic anhydride and 166 mg (1.1 equivalent) of iodine, and the mixture is stirred at room temperature for 2.5 hours. After reaction, to the mixture is added saturated sodium hydrogensulfite and extracted with ether. The organic layer is washed with water and dried. The solvent is distilled away under reduced pressure to give 166 mg (Yield: 83.6%) of the compound (III-1) as resinous substance.

NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.10 (t, 3H, J=7); 1.31 (d, 6H, J=7); 2.61 (s, 3H) 3.17 (heptet, 1H, J=7); 4.18 (q, 2H, J=7); 7.07–7.17 (m, 2H); 7.61–7.69 (m, 2H)

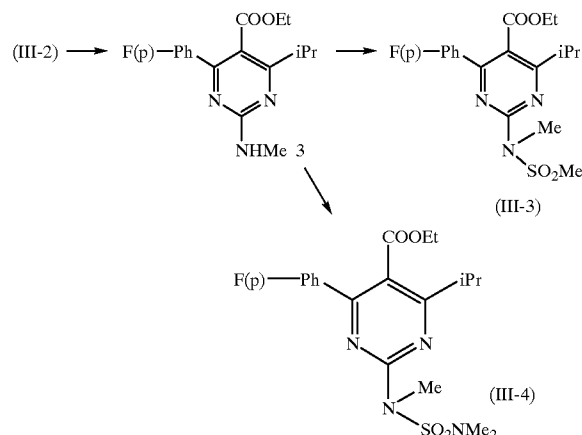
REFERENCE EXAMPLE 3

Another synthetic method of the compound (III-2)

To a solution of 1.0 g (2.97 mmol) of the compound 2 in 10 ml of acetone is added 1.5 g (9.48 mmol) of potassium permanganate, and the mixture is stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes. Acetic acid 1.0 ml is added thereto, and the mixture is stirred at room temperature for further 30 minutes and water is added thereto. The reaction mixture is extracted with ether, washed with saturated sodium hydrogencarbonate and saturated brine and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. The solvent is distilled away under reduced pressure to give 1.07 g (2.94 mmol) (Yield: 99.1%) of the compound (III-2) as crystals.

REFERENCE EXAMPLE 4

Ethyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-(N-methyl-N-methyl-sulfonylamino)pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (III-3) and Ethyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-(N-methyl-N-dimethylsulfamoylamino)pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (III-4)



To a solution of 52.7 g (144 mmol) of the compound (III-2) in 500 ml of absolute ethanol is added gradually a solution of 71.9 ml of 5N methylamine in ethanol under ice-cooling. The reaction mixture is warmed to room temperature, stirred for 1 hour and evaporated under reduced pressure. To the residue is added water, and the mixture is extracted with ether, dried and evaporated under reduced pressure to give 46.9 g (Yield: 100%) of the compound 3. mp. 85°–86° C.

Anal Calcd. (%) for C₁₇H₂₀N₃FO₂: C,64.34; H,6.35; N,13.24; F,5.99. Found: C,64.42; H,6.46; N,13.30; F,6.14.

To a solution of 370 mg (1.213 mmol) of the compound 3 in 5 ml of DMF is added 60 mg of 60% NaH under ice-cooling, and the reaction mixture is stirred for 30 min-

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utes. Methanesulfonyl chloride 208 mg is added thereto, and the mixture is warmed to room temperature and stirred for 2 hours further. To the mixture is added ice-water, and the mixture is extracted with ether. The organic layer is washed with water and dried. The solvent is evaporated under reduced pressure, and the resulting residue is washed with ether-n-pentane to give 322 mg (Yield: 57.6%) of the compound (III-3).

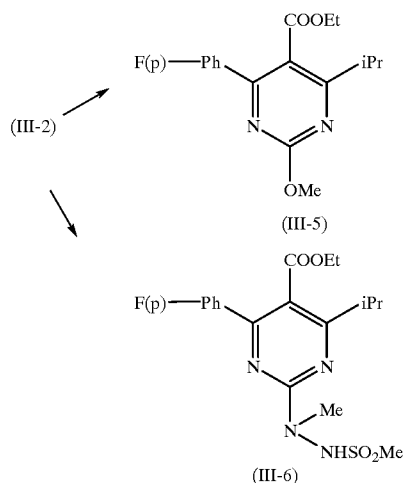
NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.10 (t, J=7,3H); 1.32 (d, J=7,6H); 3.24 (hept, J=7,1H); 3.52 (s, 3H); 3.60 (s, 3H); 4.19 (q, J=7,2H); 7.14 (m, 2H); 7.68 (m, 2H).

To a solution of 4.13 g (13.0 mmol) of the compound 3 in 40 ml of DMF is added 0.57 g of 60% NaH under ice-cooling, and the mixture is warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 hours. After cooling again, dimethylsulfonyl chloride 2.43 g (16.9 mmol) is dropwise added thereto, and the mixture is stirred for 2.5 hours. To the mixture is added icewater, and the mixture is extracted with ether washed with water, dried and evaporated under reduced pressure to distill ether. The resulting residue is washed with ether-hexane to give 4.10 g (Yield: 74.2%) of the compound (III-4). mp. 114°–116° C.

Anal Calcd. (%) for C₁₉H₂₅N₄SFO₄: C, 53.76; H, 5.94; N, 13.20; F, 4.48. Found: C, 53.74; H, 5.96; N, 13.19; F, 4.78.

REFERENCE EXAMPLE 5

Ethyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-methoxypyrimidine-5-carboxylate (III-5) and Ethyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-(N-methyl-N-methylsulfonylhydrazino)pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (III-6)



To a solution of 1.39 g (3.8 mmol) of the compound (III-2) in 60 ml of absolute methanol is added a solution of 0.41 g (7.6 mmol) of sodium methoxide under ice-cooling. The reaction mixture is warmed to room temperature gradually and stirred for 1 hour. The mixture is neutralized with acetic acid and extracted with ether. The organic layer is washed with sodium bicarbonate and water in order, dried and evaporated under reduced pressure to distill ether. The residue is subjected to column chromatography of silica gel to give 1.17 g (Yield: 96.7%) of the compound (III-5).

NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.10 (t, 3H, J=7 Hz); 1.32 (d, 6H, J=6.6 Hz); 3.21 (m, 1H); 4.08 (s, 3H); 4.18 (q, 2H, J=7 Hz); 7.07–7.74 (m, 4H).

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To a solution of 2.50 g (6.77 mmol) of the compound (III-2) in 50 ml of absolute ethanol is added 0.80 g (16.93 mmol) of methyl hydrazine under ice-cooling. The reaction mixture is warmed to room temperature and stirred for 2 hours and extracted with ether. The organic layer is washed with saturated brine and dried to distill the solvent. To a mixture of 2.37 g of the thus obtained compound and a mixture of anhydrous THF and anhydrous pyridine is added 1.03 g (7.84 mmol) of methanesulfonyl chloride under testing. The reaction mixture is warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1.5 hours. To the mixture are added 3 ml of anhydrous pyridine and 1.53 g (11.65 mmol) of methanesulfonyl chloride, and the mixture is stirred for 2 hours. To the reaction mixture is added ice-water and extracted with ether. The organic layer is washed with water and the resulting oily residue is subjected to column chromatography of silica gel to give 2.75 g (Yield: 94.0%) of the compound (III-6).

NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.08 (t, J=7,3H); 1.29 (d, J=7,6H); 2.96 (s, 3H); 3.24 (hept, J=7,1H); 3.59 (s, 3H); 4.16 (q, J=7,2H); 7.14 (m, 2H); 7.63 (m, 2H).

REFERENCE EXAMPLE 6

Methyl (3R)-3-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-5-oxo-6-triphenylphosphoranylidene hexanate

(1) (3R)-3-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)glutaric acid-1-((R)-(-)mandelic acid ester)*¹ 65 g (164 mmol) is dissolved into 60 ml of methanol, a solution of sodium methoxide in methanol (28% methanol 310 ml, 1.6 mol) is added dropwise thereto under nitrogen atmosphere at 0° C. for 45 minutes at internal temperature under 7° C. The reaction mixture is stirred at 0° C. for 30 minutes and poured into a mixture of 150 ml of conc.HCl, 300 ml of water, and 500 ml of methylene chloride being stirred under ice-cooling and the organic layer is collected. The aqueous layer is extracted with 200 ml of methylene chloride, and each organic layer is washed with dil.HCl and brine in order. Each organic layer are collected and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and evaporated to distill the solvent to give half ester compound.

*¹: This compound can be prepared by the method described at page 10 in the specification of KOKAI 2-250852.

¹HNMR(CDCl₃) δ: 0.08 (s, 3H); 0.09 (s, 3H); 0.86 (s, 9H); 2.52–2.73 (m, 4H); 3.08 (s, 3H); 4.55 (quint, 1H, J=6Hz).

IR (CHCl₃): 2880, 1734, 1712, 1438, 1305, 1096, 836 cm⁻¹.

[α]_D = -5.0±0.4° (C=1.04, 23.5° C., CHCl₃).

R_f 0.32 (CHCl₃/MeOH=9/1).

(2) To a solution of the thus obtained half ester compound in 10 ml of ether are added dropwise triethylamine and ethyl chlorocarboxylate in order under nitrogen atmosphere at -78° C. The resulting white suspension is stirred at 0° C. for 1 hour and cooled to -78° C. The resulting precipitate is filtered under nitrogen atmosphere and the filtrate is washed with 15 ml of ether. To a suspension of 1.29 g (3.6 mmol) of methyl bromide triphenylphosphonium in 5 ml of THF is added dropwise butyllithium (1.6M hexane, 2.25 ml, 3.6 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere at -78° C. The reaction mixture is stirred at 0° C. for 1 hour and cooled to -78° C. and added dropwise to the solution of thus obtained active ester compound in ether. The reaction mixture is washed with 5 ml of THF and stirred at 0° C. for 1 hour, and 10 ml of 5% sodium hydrogencarbonate is added thereto. The reaction mixture is stirred for 5 minutes and extracted with ethyl acetate and the organic layer is separated and the

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remaining aqueous layer is extracted with ethyl acetate. Each organic layer is collected and washed with brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated. The obtained residue is subjected to column chromatography of silica gel eluting with ether-ethyl acetate and crystallized from ether-hexane to give objective compound.

¹HNMR (CDCl₃)δ: 0.04 (s, 3H); 0.06 (s, 3H); 0.83 (s, 9H); 2.4–2.9 (m, 4H); 3.64 (s, 3H); 3.74 (d, 1H); 4.5–4.7 (m, 1H); 7.4–7.8 (m, 15H).

IR (CHCl₃): 2380, 1730, 1528, 1437, 1250, 1106, 835 cm⁻¹.

[α]_D=-6.2° (C=1.27, 22.0° C., CHCl₃).

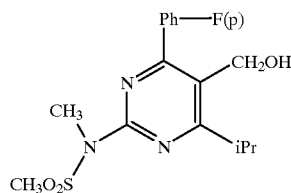
mp.:77.5°–78.5° C., Rf=0.48 (CHCl₃/MeOH=9/1).

Anal. Calcd. (%) for C₃₁H₃₉O₄PS: C, 69.63; H,7.35; P,5.79. Found: C, 69.35; H,7.35; P,6.09.

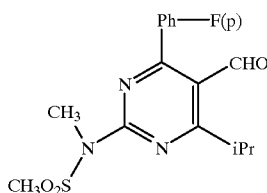
EXAMPLE 1

Sodium (+)-7-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-(N-methyl-N-methylsulfonylamino)pyrimidin-5-yl]-(3R,5S)-dihydroxy-(E)-6-heptenate (I a-1)

(1) To a solution of 322 mg of the compound (III-3) obtained in Reference Example 2 in 7 ml of anhydrous toluene is added dropwise 1.4 ml of DIBAL-H in 1.5M toluene at -74° C., and the reaction mixture is stirred for 1 hour and acetic acid is added thereto. The mixture is extracted with ether, and the organic layer is washed with sodium bicarbonate and water, dried and evaporated under reduced pressure to distil ether. The obtained residue is subjected to column chromatography of silica gel eluting with methylene chloride/ether (20/1) to give 277 mg (Yield: 96.1%) of [4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-(N-methyl-N-methylsulfonylamino)pyrimidin-5-yl]methanol 4.



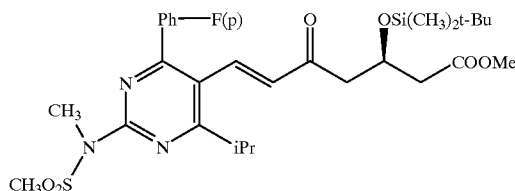
(2) A suspension of 277 mg of the thus obtained compound 4, 190 mg of 4-methylmorpholin-N-oxide, 6 mg of TPAP, 1.0 g of powder molecular sieve 4A, and 10 ml of methylene chloride is stirred for 2 hours. The insoluble matter is filtered off and the two-thirds of the filtrate is distilled away under reduced pressure. The resulting residue is subjected to column chromatography of silica gel eluting with methylene chloride to give 196 mg (Yield: 71.2%) of 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-(N-methyl-N-methylsulfonylamino)-5-pyrimidinecarbaldehyde as crystals.



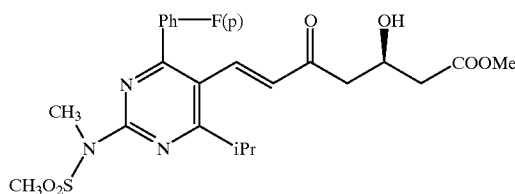
(3) A solution of 190 mg of the compound 5, 450 mg of methyl (3R)-3-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-5-oxo-6-

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triphenylphosphoranylidene hexanate (Reference Example 6), and 5 ml of acetonitrile is refluxed under heating for 14 hours and evaporated under reduced pressure to distill acetonitrile. The resulting residue is subjected to column chromatography of silica gel eluting with methylene chloride to give 233 mg (Yield: 71.3%) of methyl 7-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-(N-methyl-N-methylsulfonylamino)pyrimidin-5-yl]-(3R)-3-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-5-oxo-(E)-6-heptenate 6 as syrup.

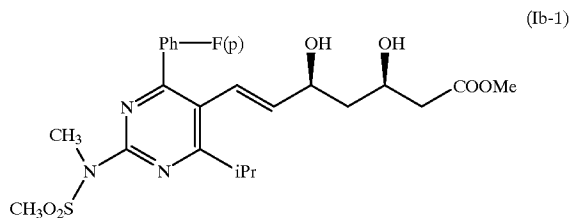


(4) To a solution of 16 g of the compound 6 in 100 ml of acetonitrile is added dropwise a solution of 48% hydrogen fluoride in 400 ml of acetonitrile (1:19) under ice-cooling, and the mixture is warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1.5 hours. The reaction mixture is neutralized with sodium bicarbonate and extracted with ether. The organic layer is washed with sodium chloride, dried and evaporated under reduced pressure to distil ether to give 13 g (Yield: 100%) of methyl 7-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-(N-methyl-N-methylsulfonylamino)pyrimidin-5-yl]-(3R)-3-hydroxy-5-oxo-(E)-6-heptenate 7 as syrup.



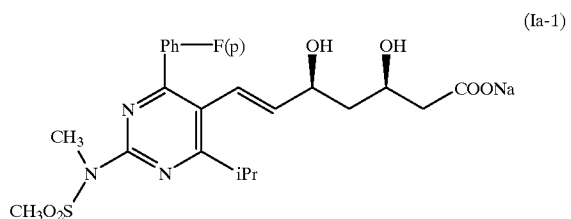
(5) To a solution of 13 g of the compound 7 in 350 ml of anhydrous THF and 90 ml of methanol is added a solution of 29.7 ml of 1M diethylmethoxyborane-THF at -78° C., and the mixture is stirred at the same temperature for 30 minutes. To the mixture is added 1.3 g of NaBH₄, and the mixture is stirred for 3 hours. Acetic acid 16 ml is added thereto, and the mixture is adjusted to pH 8 with saturated sodium bicarbonate and extracted with ether. The organic layer is washed with water, dried and evaporated ether under reduced pressure. To the resulting residue is added methanol and the mixture is evaporated under reduced pressure for three times. The resulting residue is subjected to column chromatography of silica gel eluting with methylene chloride/ether (3/1) to give 11.4 g (Yield: 85.2%) of methyl 7-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-methyl-N-methylsulfonylamino)pyrimidin-5-yl]-(3R,5S)-dihydroxy-(E)-6-heptenate as syrup.

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NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.27 (d, J=7,6H); 1.53 (m, 2H); 2.47 (d, J=6,2H); 3.36 (hept, J=2H); 3.52 (s, 3H); 3.57 (s, 3H); 3.73 (s, 3H); 4.20 (m, 1H); 4.43 (m, 1H); 5.45 (dd, J=5,16, 1H); 6.64 (dd, J=2,16, 1H); 7.09 (m, 2H); 7.64 (m, 2H).

(6) To a solution of 11.4 g of the compound (I b-1) in 160 ml of ethanol is added 223 ml of 0.1N sodium hydroxide under ice-cooling. The reaction mixture is warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 hour. The solvent is distilled away under reduced pressure, and ether is added to the resulting residue and the mixture is stirred to give 11.0 g (Yield: 95.0%) of the objective compound (I a-1) as powdery crystals.



[α]_D²⁰ = +18.9 ± 0.6° (C=1.012, 25.0° C., H₂O).

NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.24 (d, J=7,6H); 1.48 (m, 1H); 1.65 (m, 1H); 2.27 (dd, J=2,6,2H); 3.41 (hept, J=7,1H); 3.48 (s, 3H); 3.59 (s, 3H); 3.73 (m, 1H); 4.32 (m, 1H); 5.49 (dd, J=7,16, 1H); 6.62 (d, J=16,1H); 7.19 (m, 2H); 7.56 (m, 2H).

EXAMPLE 2

Sodium (+)-7-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-(N-acetyl-N-methylamino)pyrimidin-5-yl]-(3R,5S)-dihydroxy-(E)-6-heptenate (I a-2)

(1) Ethyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-methylaminopyrimidine-5-carboxylate 3.838 mg obtained in Reference Example 4 is allowed to react in the same manner as in Example 1 (1) and (2) to give 157 mg of 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-methylaminopyrimidine-5-carbaldehyde.

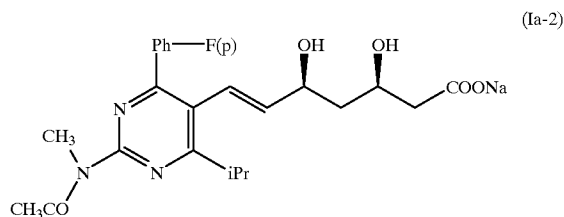
(2) A solution of 157 mg of thus obtained aldehyde compound in 4 ml of anhydrous DMF is reacted with 25 mg of 60% NaH under ice-cooling for 30 minutes, 0.05 ml of acetylchloride is added thereto and the mixture is stirred for 1 hour. The mixture is added with ice and extracted with ether. The organic layer is washed with water and dried and concentrated to distill the solvent to give 167 mg (Yield: 93.4%) of 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-(N-acetyl-N-methylamino)pyrimidine-5-carbaldehyde. Thus obtained aldehyde compound is reacted in the same manner as in Example 1 (3)–(5) to give methyl 7-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-(N-acetyl-N-methylaminopyrimidin)-5-yl]-(3R,5S)-dihydroxy-(E)-6-heptenate (I b-2).

NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.27 (d, J=7,6H); 1.54 (m, 2H); 2.48 (d, J=6,2H); 2.52 (s, 3H); 3.39 (hept, J=7, 1H); 3.60 (s, 3H);

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3.58 (brs, 1H); 3.74 (s, 3H); 4.21 (m, 1H); 4.48 (m, 1H); 5.50 (dd, J=5,16, 1H); 6.66 (dd, J=2,16); 7.11 (m, 2H); 7.61 (m, 2H).

(3) The thus obtained compound (I b-2) is reacted in the same manner as Example 1 (6) to give the objective compound (I a-2).



NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.27 (d, J=7,6H); 1.57 (m, 2H); 2.17 (s, 3H); 2.27 (d, J=6,2H); 3.72 (s, 3H); 3.50 (hept, J=7, 1H); 3.70 (m, 1H); 4.35 (q, J=6,1H); 5.59 (dd, J=5,16, 1H); 6.54 (d, J=16, 1H); 7.24 (m, 2H); 7.59 (m, 2H).

EXAMPLE 3–6

As a starting material, each pyrimidine carboxylate (III) obtained in Reference Example 1–3 is reacted in the same manner as Example 1 or 2 to give the compound (I b) and (I a). Their physical constants are shown in Table 1–3.

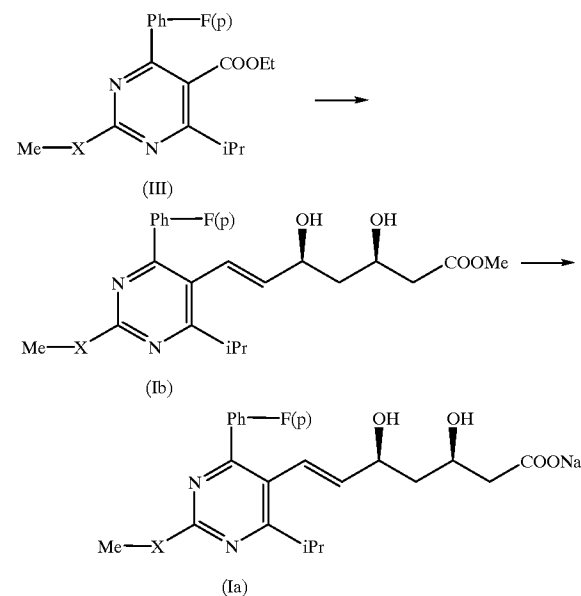


TABLE 1

Ex. No.	Startup material	Product NMR δ
3	(III-1)	1b-3(X: S) Yield 96.0% (CDCl ₃ , 1.26(d, J = 7.6H); 1.52(m, 2H); 2.47(d, J = 6, 2H); 2.60(s, 3H); 3.33(hept, J = 7, 1H); 3.73 (s, 3H); 4.18(m, 1H); 4.44(m, 1H); 5.44(dd, J = 5, 16, 1H); 6.60(dd, J = 2, 16, 1H); 7.07(m, 2H); 7.58(m, 2H) 1a-3(X: S) Yield 87.3% (D ₂ O) 1.20(d, J = 7, 6H); 1.47(m, 1H); 1.61(m, 1H); 2.26(m, 2H); 2.54(s, 3H); 3.36(hept, J = 7, 1H);

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TABLE 1-continued

4	(III-2)	3.71(m, 1H); 4.29(m, 1H); 5.43(dd, J = 6, 16, 1H); 6.55(d, J = 16, 1H); 7.16(m, 2H), 7.47(m, 2H)
		1b-4(X: SO ₂): Yield 93.7% (CDCl ₃) 1.31(d, J = 7, 6H); 1.52(m, 2H); 2.48(d, J = 6, 2H); 3.40(s, 3H); 3.47(hept, J = 7, 1H); 3.74(s, 3H); 3.87(brs, 1H); 4.23(m, 1H); 4.49(m, 1H); 5.59(dd, J = 5, 16H, 1H); 6.74(d, d, J = 2, 16, 1H); 7.12(m, 2H); 7.69(m, 2H) 1a-4(X: SO ₂): Yield 70.9% (D ₂ O) 1.27(d, d, J = 7, 2, 6H); 1.60(m, 2H); 2.25(J = 6, d, 2H); 3.44(s, 3H); 3.51(hept, J = 7, 1H); 3.70(m, 1H); 4.33(q, J = 6, 1H); 5.65(d, d, J = 5, 16, 1H); 6.71(d, J = 16, 1H); 7.23(m, 2H); 7.60(m, 2H)

TABLE 2

Ex. No.	Starting material	Product NMR δ
5	(III-5)	1b-5(X: O): (CDCl ₃) 1.27(d, 6H, J = 6.6 Hz): 1.35–1.68(m, 2H); 2.47(m, 2H); 3.34(m, 1H); 3.78(s, 3H); 4.03(s, 3H); 4.19(m, 1H); 4.43(m, 1H); 5.43(dd, 1H, J = 5.6, 16 Hz): 6.59(dd, 1H, J = 1.4, 16 Hz): 7.03–7.64(m, 4H) 1a-5(X: O) Yield 57.7% (CDCl ₃ , CD ₃ OD) 1.27(d, 6H, J = 6.6 Hz): 1.35–1.68(m, 2H); 2.17–2.43(m, 2H); 3.36(m, 2H); 4.05(s, 3H); 4.37(m, 2H); 5.48(dd, 1H, J = 5.6, 16 Hz): 6.54(dd, 1H, J = 1.4, 16 Hz): 7.06–7.65(m, 4H)
6	(III-4)	1b-6(X: N—SO ₂ NMe ₂): (CDCl ₃) 1.26(d, 6H, J = 6.6 Hz): 1.38–1.62(m, 2H); 2.47(d, 2H, J = 5.8); 2.84(s, 6H); 3.35(m, 1H); 3.64(s, 3H); 3.74(s, 3H); 4.20(m, 1H); 4.44(m, 1H); 5.42(dd, 1H, J = 5.4, 16 Hz): 6.60(dd, 1H, J = 1.2, 16 Hz): 7.03–7.64(m, 4H) 1a-6: Yield: 91.2% (CDCl ₃ , CD ₃ OD) 1.26(d, 6H, J = 6.6 Hz): 1.36–1.69(m, 2H); 2.15–2.50(m, 2H); 2.85(s, 6H); 3.41(m, 2H); 3.64(s, 3H); 4.04(m, 1H); 4.37(m, 1H); 5.48(dd, 1H, J = 5.6, 16 Hz): 6.54(dd, 1H, J = 1.2, 16 Hz): 7.05–7.66(m, 4H)

TABLE 3

Ex. No.	Starting material	Product NMR δ
7	(III-6)	1b-7(X: N—NHSO ₂ Me): Yield: 87.8% (CDCl ₃) 1.24(d, J = 7, 6H); 1.51(m, 2H); 2.47(d, J = 6, 2H); 2.95(s, 3H); 3.35(hept, J = 7, 1H); 3.46(d, J = 2, 1H); 3.55(s, 3H); 3.66(d, J = 2, 1H); 3.74(s, 3H); 4.18(m, 1H); 4.44(m, 1H); 5.41(dd, J = 5, 16, 1H); 6.58(dd, J = 2, 16, 1H); 7.09(m, 2H); 7.58(m, 2H); 7.70(s, 1H) 1a-7(X: N—NHSO ₂ Me): Yield: 74.7% (D ₂ O) 1.23(d, J = 7, 6H); 1.51(m, 2H); 2.26(d, J = 6, 2H); 3.10(s, 3H); 3.37(hept, J = 7, 1H); 3.44(s, 3H); 3.70(m, 1H); 4.29(q, J = 6, 1H); 5.39(dd, J = 5, 16, 1H); 6.58(d, J = 16, 1H); 7.19(m, 2H); 7.52(m, 2H)

EXAMPLE 7

Calcium salt of the compound (I a-1) (sodium salt) 1.50 g (3.00 mmol) is dissolved in 15 ml of water and stirred at room temperature under nitrogen atmosphere, successively 3.00 ml (3.00 mmol) of 1 mol/L calcium chloride 3.00 ml (3.00 mmol) is added dropwise thereto over 3 minutes. The reaction mixture is stirred at the same temperature for 2 hours, and the resulting precipitate is collected, washed with

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water and dried to give 1.32 g of calcium salt as powdery. This compound started to melt at a temperature of 155° C., but the definitive melting point is ambiguous.

[α]_D=+6.3° \pm 0.2° (C=2.011, 25.0° C., MeOH).

Anal Calcd. (%) for C₂₂H₂₇N₃O₆SF . 0.5Ca . 0.5H₂O: C, 51.85; H, 5.53; N, 8.25; F, 3.73; Ca, 3.93. Found: C, 51.65; H, 5.51; N, 8.47; F, 3.74; Ca, 4.07.

Biological Activity

Experiment

The HMG-CoA reductase inhibitory effect

(1) Preparation of rat liver microsome

Sprague-Dawley rats, which were in free access to ordinary diets containing 2% cholestyramine and water for 2 weeks, were used for the preparation of rat liver microsome. The thus obtained microsome was the purified according to the manner by Juroda et al., Biochem. Biophys. Act, 486, 70 (1977). The microsomal fraction obtained by centrifugation at 105,000 \times g was washed once with a buffered solution containing 15 mM nicotinamide and 2 mM magnesium chloride (in a 100 mM potassium phosphate buffer, pH 7.4). It was homogenized with a buffer containing nicotinamide and magnesium chloride at the same weight as the liver employed. The thus obtained homogenate was cooled down and kept at -80° C.

(2) Measurement of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitory activities

The rat liver microsome sample (100 μ l), which was preserved at -80° C., was fused at 0° C. and diluted with 0.7 ml of a cold potassium phosphate buffer (100 mM, pH7.4). This was mixed with 0.8 ml of 50 mM EDTA (buffered with the aforementioned potassium phosphate buffer) and 0.4 ml of 100 mM dithiothreitol solution (buffered with the aforementioned potassium phosphate buffer), and the mixture was kept at 0° C. The microsome solution (1.675 ml) was mixed with 670 μ l of 25 mM NADPH (buffered with the aforementioned potassium phosphate buffer), and the solution was added to the solution of 0.5 mM [3⁻¹⁴](HMG-CoA (3mCi/mmol). A solution (5 μ l) of sodium salt of the test compound dissolved in potassium phosphate buffer is added to 45 μ l of the mixture. The resulting mixture was incubated at 37° C. for 30 minutes and cooled. After termination of the reaction by addition of 10 μ l of 2N-HCl, the mixture was incubated again at 37° C. for 15 minutes and then 30 μ l of this mixture was applied to thin-layer chromatography of silica gel of 0.5 mm in thickness (Merck AG, Art 5744). The chromatograms were developed in toluene/acetone (1/1) and the spot, whose R_f value was between 0.45 to 0.60, were scraped. The obtained products were put into a vial containing 10 ml of scintillator to measure specific radio-activity with scintillation counter. The activities of the present compounds are shown in Table 4 as comparative ones based on the assumption that the activity of Mevinolin (sodium salt) as reference drug is 100.

TABLE 4

Test Compound	HMG-CoA reductase inhibitory activities
1a-1	442
1a-3	385
1a-5	279

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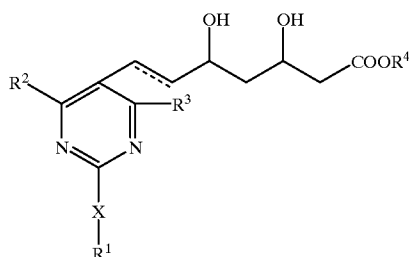
TABLE 4-continued

Test Compound	HMG-CoA reductase inhibitory activities
1a-7	260
Mevinolin Na	100

From the test data, the compounds of the present invention exhibit HMG-CoA reductase inhibition activities superior to Mevinolin.

What is claimed is:

[1. A compound represented by the formula (I):



wherein

R¹ is (1) lower alkyl which may have 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, amino, and cyano, (2) C₆ to C₁₂ aromatic group which may have 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, halogen, amino, and cyano, or (3) C₁ to C₆ lower alkyl substituted by C₆ to C₁₂ aromatic group which may have 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, halogen, amino, and cyano; R² and R³ each is independently (1) hydrogen, (2) lower alkyl which may have 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group

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consisting of halogen, amino, and cyano, or (3) C₆ to C₁₂ aromatic group which may have 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, halogen, amino, and cyano; R⁴ is (1) hydro-gen, (2) lower alkyl, or a cation capable of forming a non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable salt; X is sulfur, oxygen, or sulfonyl, or imino which may be substituted by formyl, acetyl, propionyl, butyryl, isobutyryl, vale-ryl, isovaleryl, amino substituted by sulfonyl or alkyl-sulfonyl, and sulfonyl substituted by alkyl, amino or alkylamino, the dotted line represents the presence or absence of a double bond, or the corresponding ring-closed lactone.]

[2. The compound claimed in claim 1, wherein X is imino which may be substituted by formyl, acetyl, pro-pionyl, butyryl, isobutyryl, valeryl, isovaleryl, amino substituted by sulfonyl or alkylsulfonyl, or sulfonyl substituted by alkyl, amino or alkylamino.]

[3. The compound claimed in claim 2, wherein X is imino which may be substituted by formyl, acetyl, pro-pionyl, butyryl, isobutyryl, valeryl, isovaleryl, alkylsul-fonylamino, or alkylsulfonyl.]

[4. The compound claimed in claim 1 having the (3R, 5S)-dihydroxy configuration.]

[5. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of the compound claimed in claim 1 as an active ingredient, in combination with a pharmaceu-tical excipient.]

6. The compound 7-(4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-(N-methyl-N-methylsulfonylamino)pyrimidin-5-yl)-(3R,5S)-dihydroxy-(E)-6-heptenoic acid in the form of a non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

7. The compound of claim 6 in the form of a sodium salt.

8. The compound of claim 6 in the form of a calcium salt.

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

ASTRAZENECA PHARMACEUTICALS LP, AND
ASTRAZENECA UK LIMITED, AND
IPR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., AND
SHIONOGI SEIYAKU KABUSHIKI KAISHA

DEFENDANTS

SANDOZ INC.

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES) NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE

(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)

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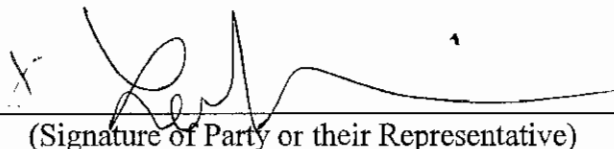
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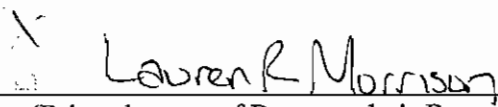
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